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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter (an original, first and joint inventor) which is claimed and for which a utility patent is sought on the invention entitled:

NEEDLE CLEANING SYSTEM

the specification of which:

- ☒ was filed on October 10, 2001, as United States Utility application U.S.S.N. No. _____, bearing Attorney Docket No. 17549-105.
- ☐ is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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- ☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application designating at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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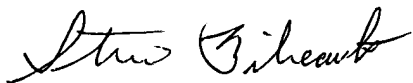
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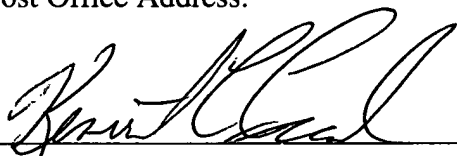
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We, **Stephen P. Bibeault and Kenneth C. Crouch**, the undersigned, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby assign, sell and transfer to **Speedline Technologies, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation, with offices at **145 Ward Hill Avenue, Haverhill, MA 01835** and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE: (1) our entire right, title and interest for the United States and in all countries, in and to any and all inventions, discoveries and applications which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled:

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We hereby authorize and request the competent authorities to grant and to issue any and all such Letters Patent in the United States and throughout the world to the ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest therein, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me/us had this assignment, sale and transfer not been made.

We agree, at any time, upon the request of the ASSIGNEE, to execute and to deliver to the ASSIGNEE any additional applications for patents for said inventions and discoveries, or any part or parts thereof, and any applications for patents of confirmation, registration and importation based on any Letters Patent issuing on said inventions, discoveries, or applications and divisions, continuations, renewals, revivals, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof.

We further agree at any time to execute and to deliver upon request of the ASSIGNEE such additional documents, if any, as are necessary or desirable to secure patent protection on said inventions, discoveries and applications throughout all countries of the world, and otherwise to do the necessary to give full effect to and to perfect the rights of the ASSIGNEE under this Assignment, including the execution, delivery and procurement of any and all further documents evidencing this assignment, transfer and sale as may be necessary or desirable.

We further covenant that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.


Date: 12/13/01


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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of DECEMBER 2001


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My commission expires MARCH 5, 2004


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